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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: AQO Staff Meeting Minutes, Apr 29, 97

PRODUCT & MANUFACTURING ASSURANCE TEAM (AQOG).

- o On 22-23 April 1997 at the Defense Supply Center Columbus, Mr. Poulin participated as a DCMC representative and briefer at the DLA Quality Day Conference. Mr. Poulin presented a background briefing on the DoD financial management concerns with DCMC administration of smaller dollar contracts. He also shared with the audience the results of DCMC preliminary data analysis extracted from 831 closed contracts managed by five Contract Administration Offices. The DLA Center participants were receptive to the need for improving the value added by DCMC contract management of smaller dollar contracts and all welcome the opportunity to talk about it and do something.

- o On 24-25 April 1997, Mr. Poulin attended the fourth meeting of the National Security Industrial Association (NSIA) sponsored Joint Industry/Government Metrics Panel. The desired end product is an industry standard that promotes a metrics model that can be used to influence a successful transition to performance based contracts. Two key objectives of the industry standard will facilitate the use of metrics in gaining insight on how prospective and current suppliers apply metrics to measure, control and improve products and services and how to use the performance, cost and schedule metrics in understanding supplier performance on past contracts and/or purchase orders. The next major milestone of the panel is to review the final draft standard with military service/NASA/FAA representatives on June 10, 1997.

WORKFORCE STRATEGY TEAM (AQOJ).

- o The announcement for the DCMC Mid Level Development Program for FY 98 is now open and on the DCMC Home Page.

FLIGHT OPNS, SPECIALIZED SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM (AQOI).

- o Letter prepared for Dr. Kaminski's, Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition & Technology), signature, endorsing the JG-APP (Joint Group on Acquisition Pollution Prevention) initiative will be routed over to Pentagon later today. Tomorrow, Ms. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security) (DUSD(ES)), is expected to sign and route to Dr. Kaminski.

DEFENSE PROCUREMENT CORPORATE INFORMATION MGMT SYSTEMS CENTER (AQAC).

- o The Standard Procurement System (SPS) Council received a brief by Mr. Elliot Branch (Navy Rep) on Friday, April 25th, describing an approach that would establish a subcommittee under the SPS Council to evaluate potential requirements for SPS. Mr. Al Winston has been identified as the point of contact for this initiative. All Council members were asked to identify their representative on this subcommittee. CAPT Case will be meeting with Ms. Pettibone to discuss further details of this initiative.

- o AQAC has received calls from some field offices expressing concern that they have heard that Army Procurement Automated Document Distribution System (PADDS) sites will no longer provide printed contracts delegated to DCMC since they are now sending these contracts via Electronic Data Interchange and placing them in the Electronic Document Access (EDA) system being stood up by the Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS). This is not the case. The product being provided EDA is only the portions of the contract produced by PADDS and needed by DFAS for payment. Attachments are not

included. Army sites will continue to send hard copy contracts to DCMC when delegated for administration.

APPROVED:

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